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HANG IN THERE!!
STRA-USS!
GU...

...STRA-USS!!

GU UH...
FU UH...
UU UH...
GU AH...
AH...
KU...
LE..
AH
LE... TY....

FOR NOW... I CAN'T USE... MY MAGIC. THE FIGHT WAS.... INTENSE.
...
I'M USING... MY MAGIC... TO REGENE-RATE... THE WOUND...
...DON'T.. WORRY... THE BLEE-DING'S... STOPPED.
AT FIRST I THOUGHT THE BLACK SWAN WAS GOING TO KILL YOU, THEN SUD-DENLY SHE DID THE OPPOSITE AND PROTEC-TED YOU.
JUST WHAT IS GOING ON?
WHATEVER IT IS, NOW DOESN'T SEEM TO BE THE RIGHT TIME TO... INVES-TIGATE.
...I DON'T KNOW.
DOES IT HAVE ANY-THING TO DO WITH WHY THE 50TH DIDN'T APPEAR FOR 50 YEARS?

THAT'S THE WAY IT IS, VAMPIRE KING.
BLACK SWAN!!

NO MATTER WHERE YOU RUN TO
THIS BLACK SWAN WILL FIND YOU.
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NOT A CHANCE!!
YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR HER.
GIVE IT UP, LETY..

...KUH
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...IF SHE INTENDED TO KILL US, IT'D BE OVER LONG TIME AGO
AND BESIDES...
WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO GAIN BY ALLYING WITH ME, BLACK SWAN?
IF YOU ALLOW ME TO LIVE, YOU'LL BE THE ONE WHO'LL DIE.
WELL
THAT'S FOR THEN.
.....

FOR NOW YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT YOURSELF
I CAN OFFER YOU A PLACE YOU CAN REST AT EASE
WHA ..!?
THE CAR IS WAITING SO, PLEASE, COME THIS WAY
STRA-USS...
IT'S A GREATLY NEEDED INVITATION. I THINK WE'LL ACCEPT IT.

I GET THE FEELING THAT SOMEONE IS PULLING THE STRINGS BEHIND THIS GIRL.
SOME-HOW.
SHALL WE DEPART?

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AND EVEN IF I'VE FULLY REGENE-RATED IT WON'T BE AN EASY TASK TO DEFEAT HER, EITHER
MY BODY STRUCTURE HAS STA-BILIZED, BUT A FULL REGENE-RATION WON'T BE EASY
--HOW-EVER
HER MAGIC OBLITE-RATION IS NEAR PERFECT
THE FIFTIETH BLACK SWAN!
TO THE PREVIOUS BLACK SWAN
THOUGH THEIR AURAS ARE DIFFERENT, SHE LOOKS SIMILAR...
KOMA-TSUBARA YUKI...

THE PERSON I KILLED--
NO WORRIES.
IT'S FOR A WOMAN YOU LOVE, RIGHT?
SO OF COURSE YOU'LL GET SO WORKED UP OVER IT.
AAH, YES.
IF THAT WERE SO
THEN I GUESS IT HASN'T ENDED WITHOUT REGRET YET

DOES MY FACE
LOOK THAT MUCH LIKE THE PREVIOUS BLACK SWAN'S?
DID YOU REMOVE YOUR MASK TO DETER RENKA?
...YEAH.
YES.
BASED ON HIS RELATION WITH MY PREDE-CESSOR, IT WAS LIKELY TO TROUBLE HIM.
.....

HA..?
BWHA!?
FORGIVE ME FOR BEING INTRUSIVE, BUT
WHEN DID YOU MAKE HER?
WHAT A SWEET CHILD.
I THINK MAKING A CHILD WITH SOMEONE ELSE WHILE YOUR QUEEN IS IMPRISONED
IS A BIT INCINSERE
AND DISHONORABLE
YOU'RE WRONG! STRAUSS IS SINCERE AND STOIC.
AND ANYWAY, I'M NOT STRAUSS' CHILD!!
--THEN WHY IS A DHAMPIR IN ALLIANCE WITH THE VAMPIRE KING?
...THAT IS--
UKYU

BUT DON'T YOU THINK IT'S BETTER THAN THE BLACK SWAN
MY NATURAL ENEMY TO BE ALLYING WITH ME?
..THAT'S QUITE TRUE.
--THIS GIRL IS...
AN ENIGMATIC HUMAN IN A DIFFERENT SENSE...

DON'T GO OVERBOARD WITH YOUR SENTIMENTALITY.

..I KNOW.
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE DIST-RACTED.
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RENKA -SAN
LOOKS LIKE THE WOUND INFLICTED BY THE BLACK SWAN HURTS CONSIDER-ABLY
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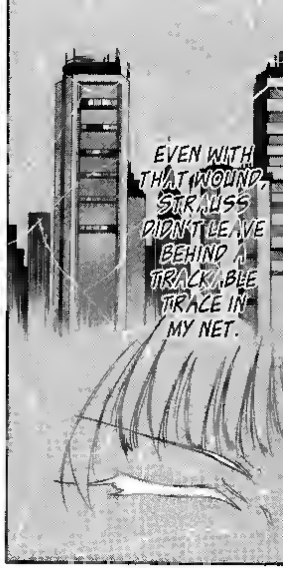
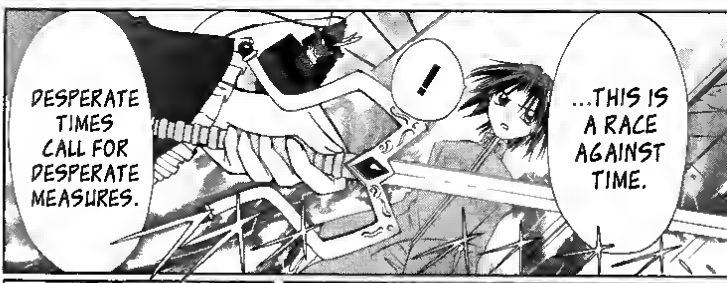
AFTER ALL, SHE'S STILL A CHILD.
HOWEVER, THE BLACK SWAN DIDN'T COVER UP HER SCENT WELL ENOUGH.


EVEN WITH THAT WOUND, STRAUSS DIDN'T LEAVE BEHIND A TRACK, BLE TRACE IN MY NET.

WE ONLY HAVE 24 HOURS TO LOCATE HER.


DESPERATE TIMES CALL FOR DESPERATE MEASURES.
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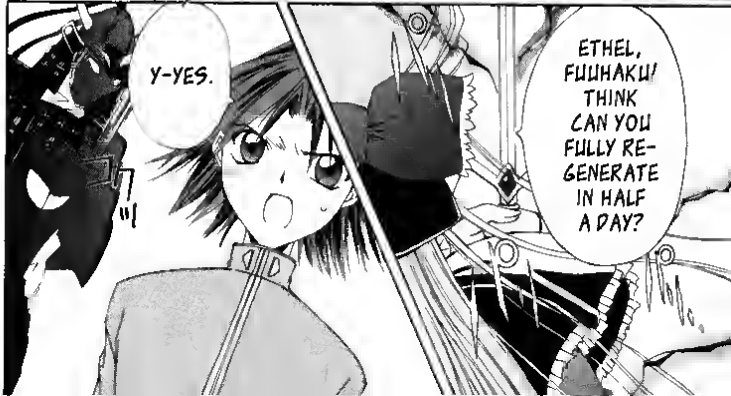
...THIS IS A RACE AGAINST TIME.


Y-YES.
ETHEL, FUUHAKU! THINK CAN YOU FULLY RE-GENERATE IN HALF A DAY?

I WILL NOT TOLERATE HER DEFIANCE.
THEN TOMORROW EVENING, WE'LL KILL THE GIRL NAMED KAYUKI.
THE BLACK SWAN WHICH CHANGES HOSTS AND RESURRECTS ANY NUMBER OF TIMES
IT'S BEST TO KILL HER AND WAIT FOR THE NEXT ONE.
WE'RE DESPERATE NOW THAT THE BLACK SWAN HAS JOINED FORCES WITH AKABARA.

AKABARA'S WOUND IS DEEP. IF WE CAN FIND HIM NOW, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO KILL HIM EASILY.
UNDER-STOOD.

I DON'T THINK THAT A LITTLE GIRL CAN KILL YOU.
ETHEL! YOU LOOK INTO AKABARA AND THE YAMA NEKO.

……

SCREW UP THIS TIME AND...

NOW THEN, RENKA, WHAT'LL YOU DO?
CHANCES ARE, THAT BLACK SWAN WILL BE WITH AKABARA.

...I NEED SOME TIME TO COOL MY HEAD.
FMM.. IF ONLY YOU WERE ALWAYS AS ADMIRABLE AS THIS.
SHUT UP!
WHAT WOULD YOU KNOW.

FUWAA~
WHAT A
HUUUGE
HOUSE~

WELCOME HOME, OJOU -SAMA.
THANK YOU.
WE HAVE ONE MORE GUEST THAN EXPECTED, SO PLEASE PREPARE ANOTHER ROOM.
AT ONCE.
PLEASE COME IN IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU WANT, DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL ONE OF THE SERVANTS
THEY'LL IMMEDIATELY PREPARE A MEAL OR A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR YOU IF YOU WANT
IF YOU'RE SWEATING, YOU CAN USE THE HOT SPRING AT THE BACK--
THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU
OH, NO.
THINK NOTHING OF IT.
.....

*OJOU-SAMA USED WHEN ADDRESSING THE DAUGHTER OF A HIGH-CLASS FAMILY

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IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE HAD A DECENT PLACE TO SLEEP
NOW THAT WE'VE COME THIS FAR, LET'S JUST GO WITH IT
--HEY. NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S VERY DUBIOUS
GOING ALONG WITH THIS CALMLY IS SUI-CIDE...
EAT AS MUCH AS I LIKE.
PLUS I'M SURE YOU CAN EAT AS MUCH TASTY FOOD AS YOU LIKE
AAH! DON'T!!
YOU'RE ASKING FOR IT!!
WELL THAT'S PROBLEM YOU'RE DEALING WITH NOW.
-!!
I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE PROBLEM WE HAVE HERE!!
I'M GOING!!
THERE'S NO WAY

UUUNH THANKS FOR YOUR WORK...
I CAN'T EAT ANOTHER BITE.
NOW MAY BE THE BEST TIME TO PART WITH THIS CHILD
REGARDLESS OF THE SITUATION

WHERE MAGIC IS ABUNDANT, THE KINGDOM OF THE NIGHT.
IT'S NIGHT, IT'S NIGHT, OH THE KINGDOM OF THE NIGHT.
OH SUPREME KING--
PROTECT YOUR KINGDOM,

ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE GOING TO SLEEP?
YOU SHOULD TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH FOR THE FUTURE.
RATHER THAN SLEEPING, IT'S FASTER TO REGENERATE BY FOCUSING MY SENSES ON BLOOD CIRCULATION
EVEN THEN, IT SEEMS LIKE I'LL NEED A WEEK TO FULLY RESTORE MY BODY TO IT USUAL STATE.
I SEE.
ANYWAY, PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME TO RECOVER.
YEAH...

YEAH.
SOON IT'LL BE DAY-BREAK.
.....
YEAH, TO SOME EXTENT.
AREN'T PURE-BLOODED VAMPIRES REDUCED TO ASHES IF EXPOSED TO DIRECT SUNLIGHT?
THEN YOU MUST HURRY INSIDE.

...THE TIME WHEN NIGHT AND DAY MIX. THIS PALE PURPLE HOUR IS CALLED THE 'MAGICAL HOUR'.
AT LEAST, DURING THIS HOUR THE SUN IS MOST GRACIOUS ON RELATIVES OF VAMPIRE DESCENT
WHO CAN NEVER LOOK UP TO IT IN THEIR LIFETIME.
YOUR RELATIVES WHO YOU ABANDONED?
YES. MY RELATIVES WHO I ABANDONED.

--SO? WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO ACCOM-PLISH BY LETTING ME LIVE?

...BEFORE LONG, A CRISIS ONLY YOU CAN RESOLVE WILL ERUPT.
THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY FOR NOW.
THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T DIE JUST YET.
AND WHAT IF I RESOLVE THAT CRISIS?

THEN WHEN THAT TIME COMES
WE'LL REALLY FIGHT TO KILL

ALRIGHT
LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

WHAT A TREMEN-DOUS PERSO-NALITY.

FOR HIM TO BE SMILING LIKE THAT
UNDER THESE CIRCUM-STANCES

THE VAMPIRE KING, AKABARA, DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE'LL BE DECIEVED EASILY.

BLACK SWAN !!
FOUND YOU
HAS NO REASON WHATSOEVER TO EXIST!!
A BLACK SWAN WHO WON'T CAPTURE THE PREY
UUNH..
WAIT UP~
BUTLER -SAAN.

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Story 5 The 23rd Hour

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HOW DO I PUT IT… BECAUSE STRAUSS IS THE KING
HIS SENSES MUST HAVE SLIPPED SOME-WHERE

THAT'S WHY
I HAVE TO REMAIN LEVEL-HEADED HERE!!
...AND ENTERING THIS PLACE WITHOUT CONCERN
TRUSTING THAT WOMAN
...EVEN SO
THIS PLACE IS INSANELY LARGE.
I'LL HAVE TO INVESTIGATE THIS MANSION WELL
-FIRST

WITH LUCK, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO SLAY THAT KAYUKI IN HER SLEEP--
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!!?
SO THERE YOU ARE.

TH... THE BLACK SWAN!!
WHEN DID SHE-
LET'S GO HAVE LUNCH.
MUKYA
HEY
THE VAMPIRE KING IS ALSO WAITING.
LEMME GO, YOU IDIOT
LET-MEE-GOO

IT HURTS! LEMME GO...
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どすっ
YOU AMAZON WOMAN!
UUU…
プラーデン

BOTH THE INGREDIENTS AND THE CHEFS ARE TOP CLASS.
I CAN'T ASK FOR A BETTER MEAL
DOES IT SUIT YOUR TASTE?
WHAT'S WITH SUCH CAREFREE TALK...
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WH..
IT'S NOT THAT YOU'RE WORRIED IF I DIE FROM POISON
IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T TRUST HER TO BEGIN WITH, RIGHT?
AND STRAUSS, THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR YOU TO BE ENJOYING YOUR MEAL!
THERE MIGHT BE POISON IN IT FOR ALL WE KNOW. POISON!!

AAH GEEZ!
WHY THE HELL DO YOU TRUST THE BLACK SWAN.
DAMMIT!
EVEN THOUGH YOU TRICKED STRAUSS, YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!!
LET'S HAVE LUNCH.
OI YOU! DON'T IGNORE ME!
UUU

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……
I'VE ADVISED HER ABOUT SPEECH AND GOOD HABITS, BUT…
…SORRY
EVEN THOUGH YOU INSIST THAT SHE'S NOT YOUR CHILD, AS HER GUARDIAN YOU OUGHT TO DISCIPLINE HER, DON'T YOU THINK?

WHICH MEANS I'M WAY OLDER THAN YOU!!
I'M 68 YEARS OLD FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!
DAA! STOP TREAT-ING ME LIKE A LITTLE CHILD, YOU TWO!
ON PUR-POSE!!
IT'S TOO UNNATURAL IF I ACT LIKE AN ADULT, SO I'M ACTING LIKE A CHILD ON PURPOSE, GOT IT!?
KUU
OH YEAH, BLACK SWAN
HOW OLD ARE YOU?

SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD.
...BUT I'VE INHERITED UP TO THE PREVIOUS, 49TH, BLACK SWAN'S MEMORIES AND EXPERIENCE
SO MY AGE AT HEART APPEARS REASONABLY OLDER.
AND ANOTHER THING, VAMPIRE KING
COULD YOU PLEASE REFRAIN FROM CALLING ME 'BLACK SWAN'?
CALLING ME BY THE CURSE THAT POSSESSED ME AGAINST MY WILL
IS NOT A PLEASANT THING.
THEN WHAT SHOULD I CALL YOU
OJOU-SAMA?

PLEASE DON'T CALL ME THAT, EITHER JUST 'KAYUKI' IS FINE
DON'T GET FRIENDLY, NOW.
HER TITLE, 'THE MALICIOUS BLACK SWAN' SAYS IT ALL
YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHEN SHE'LL STAB YOU FROM BEHIND
...REST ASSURED
UNTIL MY OBJECTIVE IS ACHIEVED, I WILL REMAIN YOUR LOYAL ALLY.
I WILL PROTECT YOU
AND LEND MY POWERS TO HELP YOU REVIVE THE QUEEN.
DURING THE TIME WE HAVE SHARED INTERESTS, LET'S GET ALONG PEACEFULLY.
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AND THEN THEY WILL IMMEDIATELY REGARD YOU AS A THREAT AND BEGIN THEIR MOVEMENT
WITH BRIDGET'S ABILITY, IT'LL TAKE HALF A DAY BEFORE THEY DISCOVER THIS PLACE

BRIDGET WILL LIKELY STRIKE TONIGHT
TO KILL YOU.
THIS SITUATION IS GREATLY AGAINST YOUR FAVOR
THE ONLY THING THE BLACK SWAN IS IMMUNE AGAINST IS MAGIC

THEY POSSESS A HUMAN BODY AND SPIRITUAL ENERGY
AND CAN PASS THE ARMS OF THE BLACK SWAN WITHOUT TAKING NEARLY ANY DAMAGE.
THUS, IF I WERE TO JUST AS MUCH AS TOUCH YOU, MY BODY OF PURE MAGIC WOULD BE HURT
BUT WITH THE DHAMPIRS, IT'S QUITE DIFFERENT.

SO, AGAINST THEM, I WOULD BE A LOT MORE POWERFUL THAN THE BLACK SWAN
BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING THE DHAMPIRS' FORGED SPIRIT SWORDS CAN LOSE AGAINST
INDEED, THE BLACK SWAN'S SPIRITUAL ENERGY COLLECTED OVER THE GENERATIONS IS POWERFUL

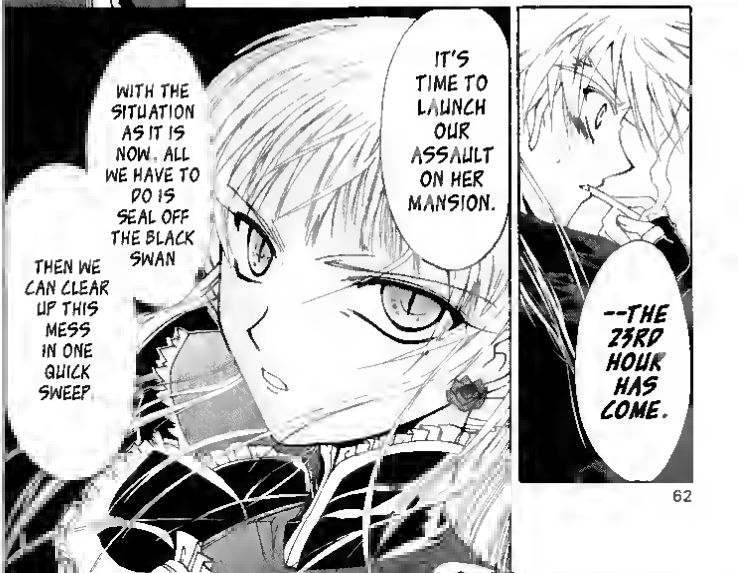
IT'S A RELATION OF ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS.
ROCK, THE BLACK SWAN, IS STRONG AGAINST PAPER, STRAUSS
SCIS-SORS, STRAUSS IS STRONG AGAINST PAPER, THE DHAM-PIRS
PAPER, THE DHAMPIRS, IS STRONG AGAINST ROCK, THE BLACK SWAN ..SEE?
WITH ONLY 'ROCK' HOW DO YOU PLAN TO WIN AGAINST 'PAPER'?
RIGHT NOW, STRAUSS CAN'T USE HIS MAGIC, SO HE CAN'T FIGHT

IF YOU GET DONE OVER, I, TOO, WILL BE PLACED IN DANGER.
SO? WHAT'S YOUR MOVE, KAYUKI?
...DON'T WORRY, MY GRANDFATHER WILL RETURN SOMETIME TODAY
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS
...GRAND-FATHER?

SUCH A HOLLOW SOUND.
.....!
I'VE FOUND THE BLACK SWAN'S LOCATION.
AND AKABARA IS WITH HER, AS EXPECTED.
IF WE DON'T STRIKE SOON ENOUGH, WE MAY LOSE OUR SOLE CHANCE TO KILL BOTH AKABARA AND THE BLACK SWAN TO ETERNITY

THAT GIRL, KAYUKI, IS THE DAUGHTER OF A COLLAPSING HIGH-RANKED FAMILY.
.....
ALTHOUGH THEY CURRENTLY OWN A MAGNIFICENT MANSION, THEY HAVE NO ECONOMICAL NOR POLITICAL POWER
EVEN IF WE CAUSE SOME SLIGHT TROUBLE, OUR INFLUENCE IS SUFFICIENT TO SUPPRESS ANY SOCIAL EFFECT
...IN OTHER WORDS, WE DON'T NEED TO HOLD BACK
...THAT GIRL PERHAPS SHE SUDDENLY GAINED KNOWLEDGE OF THE UNEXPECTED POWER SHE'S BEEN DEPENDING ON
AND MIGHT BE SCHEMING ABOUT RESTORING HER FAMILY'S STATUS IF ALL GOES WELL
HOW SHALLOW.

DAMN...
NOT ONLY DID THE BLACK SWAN TAKE 50 YEARS TO SHOW UP
IT ALSO CHOSE SUCH A TROUBLE SOME HOST TO POSSESS


--THE 23RD HOUR HAS COME.
IT'S TIME TO LAUNCH OUR ASSAULT ON HER MANSION.
WITH THE SITUATION AS IT IS NOW, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SEAL OFF THE BLACK SWAN
THEN WE CAN CLEAR UP THIS MESS IN ONE QUICK SWEEP.

TELL ME THE LOCATION OF THE MANSION
IF I CHANGE MY MIND, I MIGHT GO.
THEN YOU MIGHT AS WELL KILL THE GIRL, TOO.
IF YOU DO THAT...
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PUT YOUR FEELINGS FOR THE PREVIOUS BLACK SWAN BEHIND YOU--

QUIT YOUR CHIRPING
OR I'LL KILL YOU
...FOOL.
A CLOUDED HEART YIELDS A CLOUDED BLADE.
WHO CAN YOU KILL WITH A SWORD THAT EVEN THE MOON DOESN'T REFLECT OFF?

KUH..
OR ARE YOU SATISFIED AS LONG AS THEIR FACES ARE SIMILAR?
IT'S PITIFUL THAT EXTERIOR LOOKS WOULD TRIGGER YOUR EMOTIONS
THEY MAY HAVE THE SAME APPEARANCE, BUT HIRASAKA KAYUKI AND KOMATSU-BARA YUKI ARE TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE
...I KNOW.
SHE'S NOT YUKI.

...IF YOU UNDER-STAND, THEN THAT'S FINE.
POLISH THE CLOUDS OFF YOUR SWORD AS MUCH AS POS-SIBLE
...STR-AUSS YOU IDIOT.
YOU INSEN-SITIVE IDIOT.

I WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND A BIT.
...I WAS JUST
LETY...
I'VE BROUGHT YOU SOME ICE CREAM
WOULD YOU LIKE VANILLA OR STRAW-BERRY?
GREEN TEA.
.....

...GEEZ
AND WE'RE GETTING ICE CREAM FROM HER.
THE BLACK SWAN IS AN ENEMY, RIGHT?
COME ON, STOP SULKING.
...YES.
AND THE TIME TILL THAT 'SOME-DAY' WILL BE PRE-CIOUS.
!
BUT SOME-DAY SHE'LL BE AN ENEMY, RIGHT?
WELL, FOR NOW SHE SAYS SHE'S AN ALLY.
...ARE YOU THINKING OF HOW TO DEFEAT KAYUKI?

...IF I DON'T DEFEAT HER, BOTH I AND ADELHEIT WILL BE KILLED.
FROM A PHYSICAL PERSPECTIVE OF COMBAT ABILITY, KAYUKI IS ON A MUCH HIGHER LEVEL THAN ME.
IN ALL HONESTY, I HAVE NO CHANCE OF WINNING A FIGHT AGAINST HER.
WHICH MEANS THE ONLY WEAPON I HAVE AGAINST KAYUKI IS INGENUITY.
FOR THAT REASON, TIME IS OF ESSENCE.
FOR NOW, I'LL CALMLY ALLOW MYSELF TO BE USED.
DURING THAT TIME, I'LL THINK OF A PLAN TO SET THE STAGE FOR A TRAP TO DEFEAT KAYUKI.
IN THE END, I'LL BE THE ONE WHO'LL WIN...
.....

AND LOSE LIKE WE DID YESTER-DAY.
IF THE SITUATION WAS SIMPLE, THEN WE'D HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT HEAD-ON
IT'S TOO DIFFICULT TO FORM A PLAN IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL.
BUT THEN WON'T THE SITUATION GET MORE AND MORE COMPLI-CATED?
THAT'S INCORRECT.
INFORMATION THAT EVEN KAYUKI WON'T BE ABLE TO GRASP AND UNFORSEEN PROGRESSES IN THE GAME WILL OCCUR
HOWEVER, THE MORE COMPLICATED THE SITU-ATION GETS
BUT AREN'T YOU THE ONE WITHOUT INFORMATION AND WHO FAILED TO READ THE GAME, STRAUSS?
HMM--
DURING THAT INVERVAL, WE'LL THRUST THROUGH, SPRING THE TRAP, AND SNARE KAYUKI

YOU DON'T KNOW KAYUKI'S OBJECTIVE, OR WHO THIS MYSTERIOUS 'GRANDFATHER' PERSON IS
IN FACT, IT'S YOU, STRAUSS, WHO'S BEEN ENTRAPPED BY KAYUKI'S PLAN, SEE?
HMPH..
.....
...?

SO BRIDGET HAS COME..
YES
IT SEEMS SO.

HAS THAT 'GRAND-FATHER' WE DEPEND ON COME BACK YET?
NOT YET.
BUT I THINK HE'LL BE HERE VERY SOON.
...IT'D BE BETTER TO WAIT, THOUGH.
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
THEN I WILL
PRO-TECT STRA-USS!!

NO! I SAID IT'S UNREASONABLE
I'LL DO IT!
H-HEY THAT'S DANGEROUS! LOCK YOUR GUN
IT'S NOT UNREA-SONABLE!
IT'S FINE, SO STOP BEING UNREA-SON-ABLE
IT'S UNREA-SONABLE
I CAN FIGHT!!
—!!
I'LL MANAGE SOME-HOW
THE SERVANTS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN SHELTER
YOU TWO STAY INSIDE.
SO PLEASE MOVE FREELY, WHETHER IT BE TO FIGHT OR TO FLEE.

...UNDER-
STOOD.

--LET'S MOVE.
IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE GOING THROUGH QUITE A BIT TO END THE NIGHT SAFELY.
THIS REALLY WORRIES ME.
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Story 6 Rendezvous

LET'S GO!

IT'D BE GOOD IF THIS GOES TO KAYUKI'S ADVAN-TAGE...
YES...
HAVE THEY ARRIVED?
AS EX-PECTED IT'S JUST 3 OF THEM, WITHOUT RENKA.
.....

HMM, WHERE'S RENKA?
ETHEL, NOW THAT WE'RE THIS CLOSE, I'M SURE YOU CAN TRACK THEM DOWN.
YES!
AKABARA AND THE YAMA NEKO ARE INSIDE THE MANSION.
FORGET ABOUT HIM FOR THE TIME BEING.
SAID HE'LL COME IF HE FEELS LIKE IT
IF POSSIBLE, YOU CAN KILL THEM FOR ALL I CARE.
DRIVE THOSE TWO INTO A CORNER, ETHEL.

FUUHAKU AND I WILL BRING DOWN THE BLACK SWAN.
IT SHOULDN'T TAKE MORE THAN 30 MINUTES.
DURING THAT TIME--

NOW YOU'RE A RISKY BUNCH.
THEY SAY THAT A RUSHED JOB LEADS TO FAILURE.
ENOUGH OF YOUR MOCKERY.
OVERLOOKING YOU MUCH LONGER WOULD BE A LARGER RISK.
DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS.
THERE'S A REASON WHY I'M ALLYING WITH THE VAMPIRE KING.
THIS DOESN'T MEAN I INTEND TO SEVER MY ALLIANCE WITH YOUR GROUP AT ALL
THEN YOU'D BETTER EXPLAIN YOUR REASON.
カコォォォッ。。
THAT'S MY LITTLE SECRET

WHAT A PITY...
I'M VERY SORRY.
EVEN IF I EXPLAIN IT TO YOU NOW, IT'S A REASON YOU WON'T BELIEVE--
I'M NOT BUYING YOUR FARCE!!

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HAA...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
I SUPPOSE THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF ONE OPPONENT.

KUH..
MUSO

LOOKS LIKE YOU MISJUDGED YOUR OWN STRENGTH.
EVEN THOUGH YOUR ACCUMU-LATED SPIRITUAL ENERGY IS INDEED TERRI-FYING
OUR REFINED HIGH-DENSITY SPIRITUAL ENERGY
IS ENOUGH TO RIP YOUR TORRENTIAL SPIRITUAL ENERGY APART.

EVEN THE BLACK SWAN WHO HAS THE STRENGTH TO KILL THE MIGHTY AKABARA
IS NO MATCH FOR US DHAMPIRS!
I'M ROCK AND THE DHAMPIRS ARE PAPER...
A RELATIONSHIP OF ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS, HMM?
IT'S SOMETHING THAT CAN BE APPLIED AROUND THE WORLD
IT MEANS THAT NOONE IS ABSOLUTELY INVINCIBLE.
WHAT?
BUT THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT INTERESTING.

FOR A BRIEF PERIOD
WHY DON'T WE ENJOY THIS FIGHT.
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NO NEED TO WORRY.
THERE'S NO PLACE MY 'LADY BIANCA'S SCYTHE' CAN'T SPIN IN !!
!!

FUWAA !?
KUH!

I CAN DO IT!
I DON'T FEEL ANY PRESSURE FROM AKABARA AT ALL!!
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WITH THOSE TWO TEAMING UP
IT MUST BE TOUGH FOR KAYUKI...
--IF ETHEL'S THE ONLY ONE IN HERE
THEN BRIDGET AND FUUHAKU ARE OUTSIDE

EVEN I CAN'T DODGE FOREVER WITH THIS BODY...
--IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN..
LETY, YOU TAKE CARE OF THIS
EEEH !?
UWAAA!!
FUWAA AAAA!!
...AH?

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SHIT!
STOP! AKA-BARA!!
OWW OWW
UU...
UKII
I'LL REME-MBER THIS!
NO, LITTLE ETHEL.
KUH..
I, ALONE, AM ENOUGH!
AGAINST A WEAK KID LIKE YOU WHO CAN'T KILL WOMEN OR CHILD-REN.

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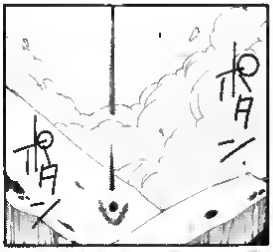
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I CAN'T ALLOW THIS KIND OF SITUATION TO GO ON...
...AT ONCE.
FUU-HAKU... FINISH HER.
THIS MAY SEEM TRICKY
BUT I'LL HAVE TO TRY AND SQUEEZE MY WAY OUT--

AKABARA
...!?

...WHAT OF THE LITTLE LADY?
I LEFT HER TO HOLD OFF ETHEL FOR SOME TIME.
WILL SHE BE ALRIGHT, ALONE?
LETY WILL TAKE ETHEL'S SOFTNESS TO HER ADVAN-TAGE
AND MORE IMPOR-TANTLY, SHE'S SKILLED AT DRAWN-OUT CHAOTIC FIGHTS
CHAOTIC FIGHTS
YOU SAY?

IT'D BE GREAT IF SHE DOESN'T DESTROY THE WHOLE MANSION.
I TOLD HER TO HOLD BACK.
SHOOO
WOOO
APOLOGIES CAN WAIT.
DID YOU COME TO ASSIST ME?
AS I EXPECTED
THE CURRENT SITUATION IS TOUGH FOR YOU TO HANDLE ALONE, ISNT IT?

TRUST ME.
IF YOU DIE NOW, I, TOO, WILL BE KILLED BY BRIDGET.
BUT IT'S TEMPTING FOR YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION AND KILL ME FROM BEHIND.
SINCE WE HAVE SHARED INTERESTS
LET'S PLAY WELL.

UNDER-
STOOD.
ETERNAL
ENEMIES
TRUSTING
EACH OTHER
WITH THEIR
BACKS IS
AMUSING,
ISN'T IT?

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--I JUST CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
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WHY DO I ALWAYS HAVE TO CATCH STRAUSS
DURING TIMES LIKE THIS WHEN HE'S WITH A WOMAN OTHER THAN ME!?
Tsuzaka Jinsei o

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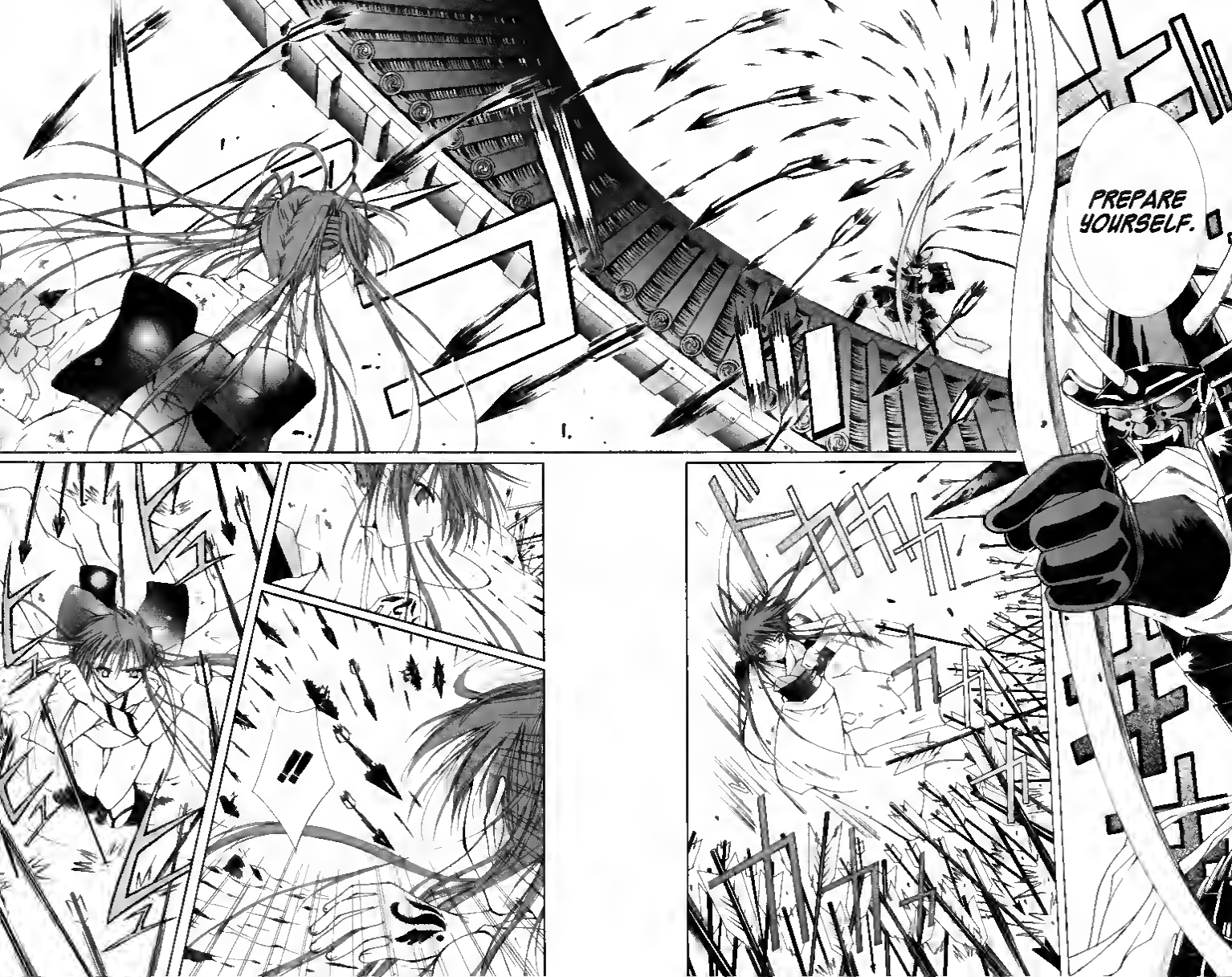
THE RECORD OF FALLEN VAMPIRE

Story 7
Dance with the Fox
I DON'T MIND IF YOU LEND YOUR ASSISTANCE. BUT TO WHAT EXTENT CAN YOU FIGHT RIGHT NOW?
I CAN BARELY MANAGE A STRIKE
WHAT'S MORE, I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO RECIEVE A FATAL WOUND

SUCH UNRELIABLE SUPPORT.
WELL, YOU WERE BEING RUFFLED UP PRETTY BAD.
--I'LL RESTRAIN BRIDGET IN ONE BREATH.
IN THAT INTERVAL, DEFEAT FUUHAKU
THEN COME BACK FOR BRIDGET
THIS IS THE ONLY CHANCE WE'LL HAVE TO CRUSH THEM ONE AT A TIME
AFFIR-MATIVE.

Story 7 Dance with the Fox

KAYUKI
FOCUS ONLY ON FUU-HAKU.
BRIDGET'S ATTACKS WON'T EVEN LET A SINGLE DROP OF YOUR BLOOD ESCAPE
IF WE SLIP-UP HERE, THERE WON'T BE A SECOND TIME


PREPARE YOURSELF.

KAYUKI ...!!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR YOU TO BE WORRYING ABOUT THE LITTLE GIRL.
NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL YOU MAY BE
NOW, YOU HAVE A WOUNDED BODY
WHAT'S MORE, WITH THIS WHIMSICAL TEAM-UP OF YOURS
YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR US!

.....
SINFUL VAMPIRE KING
THIS IS YOUR MOMENT OF ANNIHI-LATION!!

WHA..
HE STOPPED THE ATTACKS WITH HIS OWN BODY?

UOH!?
WHA..
THE BLACK SWAN ...

GUHA
...

. SO IT WAS SHAL- LOW

YES.
THAT ARMOR WAS MORE DURABLE THAN I EXPECTED.
.....
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE AT THE END OF THE LINE.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO...
OK, Y NOW...

AN UN-ENDING BATTLE.
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HOW ABOUT IT?
NEED ANO-THER SWORD ?
RENKA ...!!

HMPH... WE'VE NO USE FOR A CLOUDED BLADE
I KNOW.
SHE ISN'T YUKI.
.....
SORRY FOR LETTING AKABARA ESCAPE!

UU..
UKYUU
I'M SORRY STRAU-SS~~
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, VAMPIRE KING?
. EVEN IF WE TRY TO ESCAPE, IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE CAN BLIND THEM

THAT'S NOT THE CASE.
PLEASE SHOW ME YOUR INGENUITY TO ADMIRABLY OVERCOME THIS DILEMMA
ASK ME FOR ADVICE ALL YOU LIKE, BUT I DON'T THINK I'LL BE OF ANY USE HERE
HOWEVER, IN THE PAST THOUSAND YEARS, YOU'VE MANAGED TO SURMOUNT MOST OF OUR DUELS WITH YOUR OVERWHELMING POWER
--IN ANY CASE, IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT YOU'RE PLANNING TO DEFEAT ME USING YOUR INGENUITY
AND WITHOUT INFORMATION, IT'S HARD TO PREPARE COUNTERMEASURES
INFORMATION RELATING TO YOUR INGENUITY STORED IN THE BLACK SWAN'S MEMORY IS TOO LITTLE

SINCE THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE SHOW ME WHERE YOU GET YOUR IDEAS TO DRAW-UP A STRATEGY.
I SEE.
I GUESS I CAN'T LET MY GUARD FALL NOW THAT I'M WITH YOU.
NATU-RALLY.
WE ARE AFTER EACH OTHER'S HEADS, AFTER ALL.
LET'S PULL THROUGH THIS.
AT ANY RATE

IF I COULD HAVE BRIDGET COME OUT FOR SURE, THINGS MAY WORK OUT.
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.....
BRIDGET -SAN GIVE US FORMATION INSTRUC-TIONS PLEASE.
...I KNOW.
I BET HE'S THINKING OF A PLAN TO OVER-COME THE SITUATION.
THAT STRAUSS HASN'T CHANGED ONE BIT.

I GUESS READING TOO MUCH INTO THE SITUATION IS THE VERY THING THAT MUST BE AVOIDED...
RENKA'S MENTAL CONDITION...
THOUGH WHAT I'M UNEASY ABOUT IS
IF THINGS GO WELL, HE WON'T HAVE A SINGLE CHANCE TO ESCAPE.
BUT THEN THE CURRENT STRAUSS IS JUST BARELY AVOIDING STRIKES.
HAH.
DON'T BE IMPATIENT
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY ORDERS THEN CAN I DO AS I LIKE?
WHAT ARE YOU HESITATING FOR?
DURING THAT INTERVAL, RENKA AND ETHEL, KILL AKABARA.
FIRST FUUHAKU AND I WILL SEPARATE THE BLACK SWAN FROM AKABARA

SO FOCUS ONLY ON AKABARA.
RENKA, UNTIL YOU DEFEAT AKABARA, THE BLACK SWAN WON'T BE HARMED
WE'LL DIVIDE AND FIX IT TO TWO VERSUS ONE.
EVEN IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE, DON'T ACT ON YOUR EMOTIONS.
I WILL NOT ACT IN A WAY THAT WILL THWART YOUR EFFORTS...
I SWEAR, I WON'T
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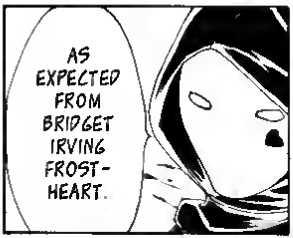
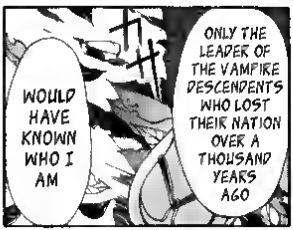
YEAH.

ALRIGHT
LET'S MOVE!!

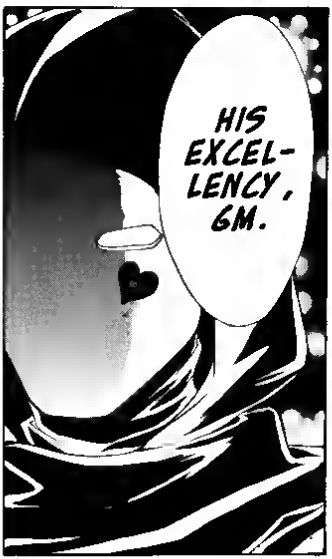
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!
AIYA! HOLD IT!!

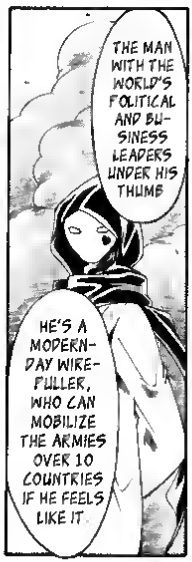
WHAT'S WITH THAT MASK!?
!
NO WAY.
NO...


AS EXPECTED FROM BRIDGET IRVING FROST-HEART.


ONLY THE LEADER OF THE VAMPIRE DESCENDENTS WHO LOST THEIR NATION OVER A THOUSAND YEARS AGO
WOULD HAVE KNOWN WHO I AM

YOUR EXEL-LENCY, 6M, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ...!?


HIS EXCEL-LENCY, 6M.


THE MAN WITH THE WORLD'S FOLITICAL AND BU-SINESS LEADERS UNDER HIS THUMB
HE'S A MODERN-DAY WIRE-PULLER, WHO CAN MOBILIZE THE ARMIES OVER 10 COUNTRIES IF HE FEELS LIKE IT.

I'VE HAPPENED TO SEE THAT RIDICULOUS MASK COUNTLESS OF TIMES.

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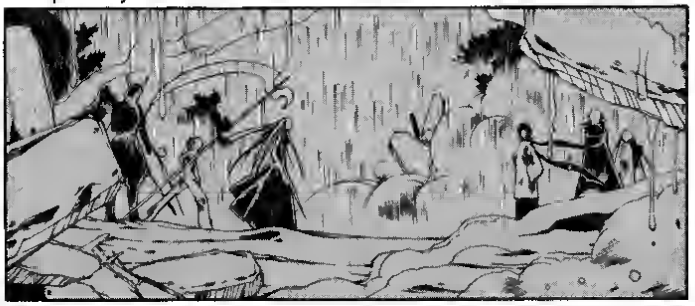

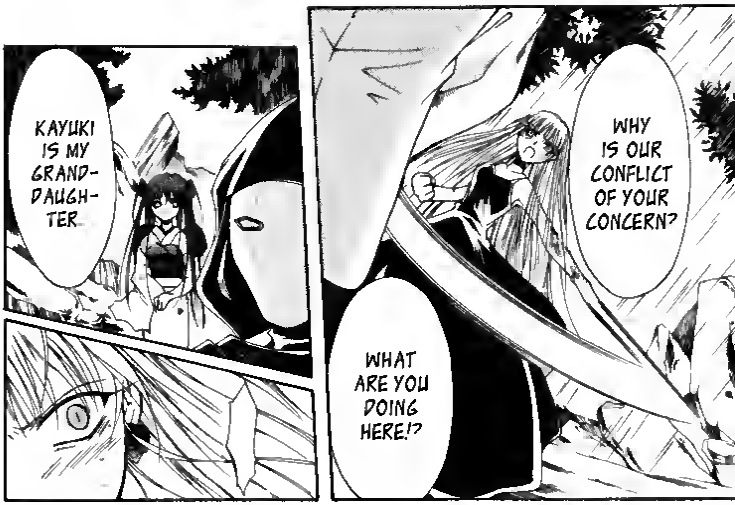
KAYUKI IS MY GRAND-DAUGH-TER.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
WHY IS OUR CONFLICT OF YOUR CONCERN?

IF IT WERE YOU, YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TRACE THE CONNECTION, BUT I GUESS YOU WERE A LITTLE TOO HASTY.
KUH...
IT'S ALL A FA-CADE.
SO YOU THOUGHT THAT KAYUKI WAS THE HIRASAKA FAMILY'S DAUGH-TER.
ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I HAVE MANY ENEMIES, SO I'VE MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MY RELATIVES TO BE TRACED BY ANYONE.

MY APOLOGIES FOR MY TARDY RETURN, KAYUKI.
IT TOOK SOME TIME TO REGULATE EACH SECTOR AND ON TOP OF THAT, I GOT CAUGHT UP IN A TRAFFIC JAM. I BARELY MADE IT
YES.
DON'T TELL ME TO GET OUT OF THE TRAFFIC JAM, YOU RODE HERE BY BICYCLE DRESSED LIKE THAT?
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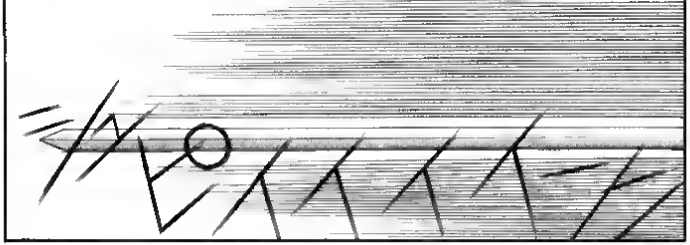
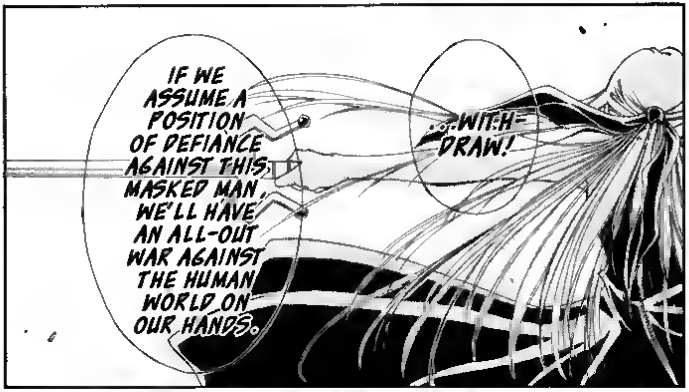
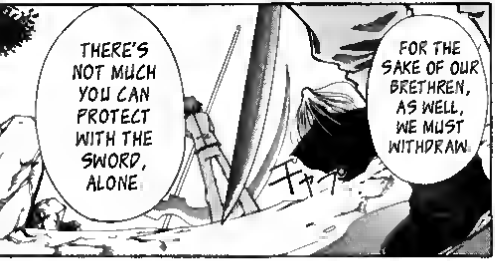
MMM. IT WAS GOOD EXERCISE.
YOU SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST REMOVED THE MASK
AND PUT ON SOMETHING LESS CONSPICUOUS.
I HAVE NO REASON TO REMOVE MY CHARM POINT.
ESPECIALLY SINCE I CHOSE A SIMPLE MASK TO WEAR TODAY.
!!!

--WILL YOU PLEASE WITH-DRAW FROM HERE.
I'M SURE YOU WON'T DO ANY-THING FOOLISH.
THERE'S A PROFOUND REASON BEHIND THIS.
. WE'LL WITH-DRAW
!!
NO WAY!!
WASN'T THIS THE CHANCE WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR.
AFTER COMING THIS FAR, WHY ARE WE--




IF WE ASSUME A POSITION OF DEFIANCE AGAINST THIS MASKED MAN, WE'LL HAVE AN ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST THE HUMAN WORLD ON OUR HANDS.
WITH-DRAW!

AFTER ALL, WE ARE THE DENIZENS OF THE NIGHT


THERE'S NOT MUCH YOU CAN PROTECT WITH THE SWORD, ALONE
FOR THE SAKE OF OUR BRETHREN, AS WELL, WE MUST WITHDRAW

WE CAN RIVAL TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ARMED FORCES BY OURSEL-VES
BUT BY DOING THAT, WE'LL FAIL TO PROTECT OUR COM-MUNITY, WON'T WE!!

HEY
BRIDGET
BY 'WITH-
DRAW'--

YOU DON'T MEAN ME, RIGHT!!

SHUT UP!
DID YOU THINK YOU COULD KILL ME WITH SUCH SWORD-PLAY?
DON'T TELL ME HOW TO USE A SWORD!!

FOR THAT CAUSE I'LL--
I'LL..
MINCE YOU.
THE SOLE REASON I'M HERE IS TO DESTROY YOU!
I'LL-
...PLEASE WITHDRAW.

AAH..
TAKE VENGANCE FOR YOUR YUKI.
EVEN-TUALLY I'LL LET YOU
WAS SHE...
...HEY.
WAS YUKI ABLE TO DIE WITHOUT SUFFE-RING?

WHAT A BORING QUESTION.
SHE'LL ALWAYS SMILE
NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL IT IS...

THAT WAS A SPLENDID COUNTER.
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE A TACTFUL USER OF THE SWORD.
IF YOU HAD JUST KEPT THAT SPIRIT SWORD, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN USEFUL LATER ON, WOULDN'T IT?
.....
THAT WOULDN'T WORK.

FORGED SPIRIT ITEMS ARE OF PURE MAGIC IN THEMSELVES AND REACT WITH ME.
JUST BY HAVING IT IN POSSESSION, I TAKE ON DAMAGE. EVEN THE SPIRIT ITEM, ITSELF, DETERIO-RATES CONSIDER-ABLY.
IT'S NOT AN ITEM WHICH CAN BE USED AS A RESERVE WEAPON.
--IF POSSIBLE, I'D WANT THE FIGHT AGAINST YOU TO GO SMOOTHLY, AS WELL, YOU SEE.
I SEE.
THAT WAS MY PREDECE-SSOR'S CAUSE OF DEFEAT.
I SHOULD BE CARE-FUL ABOUT THAT
'GRAND-FATHER', EH?
I, TOO, SHOULD TREAD LIGHTLY.

SO, KAYUKI
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN CONTROL THE VAMPIRE KING TILL THE VERY END?
WELL THEN
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'LL BE A DIFFICULT TASK.
THE PREDICAMENT JUST NOW
EVEN IF GRANDFATHER COULDN'T RETURN, HE APPEARED AS IF HE COULD OVERCOME IT
AND JUST BY LOOKING AT THAT SWORD COUNTER
YOU CAN'T BE UNPREPARED AROUND HIM

IT MAKES ME WONDER WHAT BLUNDER HE MADE A THOUSAND YEARS AGO.
NOONE WOULD IMAGINE THAT HE'S THE FOOLISH KING WHO FAILED TO PROTECT HIS ONE QUEEN AND HIS ONE KINGDOM.
I KNOW NEXT TO NOTHING AT ALL ABOUT THE VAMPIRE KING, HIMSELF.
EVEN THOUGH I'VE INHERITED UP TO MY PREDECESSOR'S MEMORIES.
NOTHING AT ALL--
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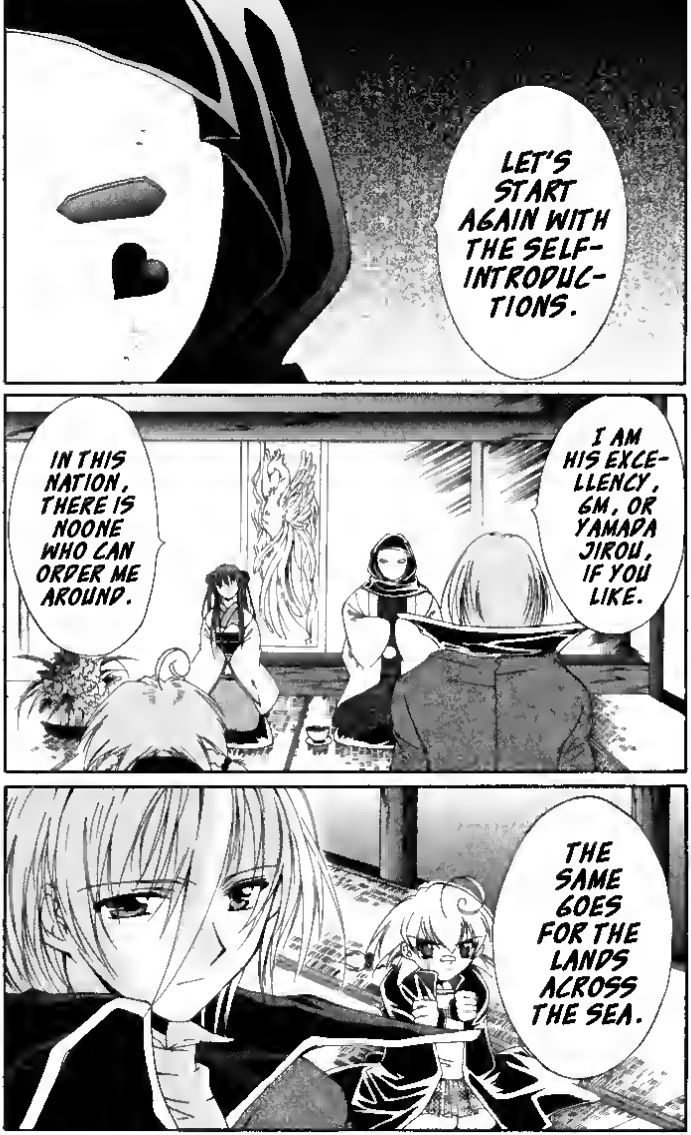
THE RECORD OF FALLEN VAMPIRE

Story 8 Frozen Moon


LET'S START AGAIN WITH THE SELF-INTRODUCTIONS.
I AM HIS EXCELLENCY, GM, OR YAMADA JIROU, IF YOU LIKE.
IN THIS NATION, THERE IS NOONE WHO CAN ORDER ME AROUND.
THE SAME GOES FOR THE LANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

FOR THE TIME BEING, I'LL ENSURE YOUR SAFETY, SO REST AT EASE.
WHAT DOES 'GM' STAND FOR?
GENERAL MANAGER?
YES, WHAT IS IT?
QUES-TIOON.
WHAT DOES HIS EXCELLENCY WANT FROM ME?
SO
.....
UWA IT'S AS HE AP-PEARS.
GREAT MASK.

I DOUBT YOU'LL BELIEVE THE REALITY OF IT
UNTIL YOU SEE IT WITH YOUR OWN EYES

LET'S JUST SAY IT'S A PROBLEM WHICH CONCERNS THE FUTURE OF MANKIND.

UNTIL I SEE IT WITH MY OWN EYES?

DOUBT COMES BEFORE ACCEPTANCE.
OF COURSE, THIS ISN'T FOR SELF-INTEREST.
THE POWER YOU, THE VAMPIRE KING, AS WELL YOUR QUEEN YOU SEEK, HOLD IS ESSENTIAL AT ALL COSTS

UNDER GRANDFATHERS COMMAND, A SEARCH FOR THE QUEEN'S SEALS SCATTERED AROUND THE WORLD IS BEING CARRIED OUT.
IT ALSO APPEARS THAT THE DHAMPIRS HAVE FOUND OVER TEN OF THE SEALS, THEMSELVES
FOR THAT REASON, WE'LL GIVE ALL THE HELP WE CAN TO REVIVE YOUR QUEEN.
WITH OUR ORGANIZING ABILITY
THE REMAINING SEALS WILL PROBABLY BE DISCOVERED IN A MATTER OF DAYS.
MOST OF THEM ARE IN THE FORM OF UNDESTRUCTABLE AND UNMOVABLE MYSTERIOUS OBJECTS.
IN SOME CASES IT SEEMS THEY'RE EVEN ENSHRINED AND GIVEN EXTRAVAGANT TREATMENT AS OBJECTS OF DIETY.
ALREADY, THE DISCOVERY OF 15 OR SO SEALS ARE BEING REPORTED.

THE REST ARE PROBABLY HIDDEN IN UNKNOWN LOCATIONS
BUT WE'LL FIND THEM, WITHOUT FAIL
THUS, YOUR WANDERING WILL COME TO AN END AS WELL....
YOU'RE FREE TO REVIVE YOUR MAGNIFICENT QUEEN IF YOU WANT

AND ONCE YOUR DESIRES ARE FULFILLED
YOU PLAN TO KILL BOTH ADELHEIT AND I, RIGHT?
THAT'S ALSO TRUE.
AND FOR THAT REASON, YOU'RE PLANNING TO TAKE THE DHAMPIR FORCE IN AS ALLIES, AS WELL
IT ISN'T LIKELY THAT YOU'LL OVERLOOK THEIR POTENTIAL BATTLE STRENGTH
WE ALREADY HAVE A GRASP ON THE LOCATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE DHAMPIR COMMUNITY
OUR ARMY SURVEILLANCE IS ALSO PERFECT

WHATEVER HER TRUE MOTIVES ARE, THE ODDS ARE SHE'LL COOPERATE
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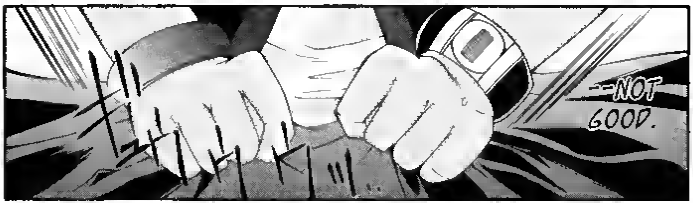
THAT BRIDGET WON'T BE DECIEVED, BUT I'M SURE SHE UNDERSTANDS THE POLITICS
SHE WON'T CROSS SWORDS WITH ME


--NOT GOOD.

I GUESS TO HUMANS DHAMPIRS REALLY ARE A NUISANCE

BUT EVEN BRIDGET AND THE OTHERS ARE BEING CONTROLLED...
IT'S NOT JUST US

IF WE DON'T PLAY OUR CARDS WELL
THERE'S EVERY POSSIBLITY OF STRAUSS AND EVEN THE DHAMPIRS BEING DESTROYED AT THE SAME TIME...!!
...COOPERATING WITH YOU MAY COST ME DEARLY.
BUT, DEPENDING ON HOW CAPABLE YOU ARE, YOU MIGHT SURVIVE.
SO, YOU HAD BETTER PUT SOME EFFORT INTO IT.
YOUR EXCELLENCY, GM, WAS IT?
ALLOW ME TO GIVE YOU ONE PIECE OF ADVICE.
WHAT IS IT?

DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY.

I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO HARM MY GRAND-FATHER.

...JUST KIDDING.
IT'S MEANING-LESS IF I QUARREL WITH YOU PEOPLE NOW.
THAT'S WHAT YOU CALL 'POLITICS', RIGHT?
.....
LET'S GO, LETY.
ROGER
WE'VE NOTHING ELSE TO SAY HERE.

NO...
YOU... DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE.

MY APOLOGIES.
I DIDN'T EXPECT THE VAMPIRE KING TO ACT AS SUCH..
.....

...GRAND-FATHER?

.....?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU MEAN.

DON'T YOU... FIND THAT MAN... SCARY?
...KA-YUKI

...I'VE HAD... MY NAILS PEELED OFF.
...I'VE HAD MY... EYEBALLS GOUGED OUT.
I'VE . EVEN BEEN THROUGH THINGS ....MORE DANGER-OUS THAN THAT.
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BUT.... NEVER IN MY WHOLE LIFE HAVE I MET A PERSON
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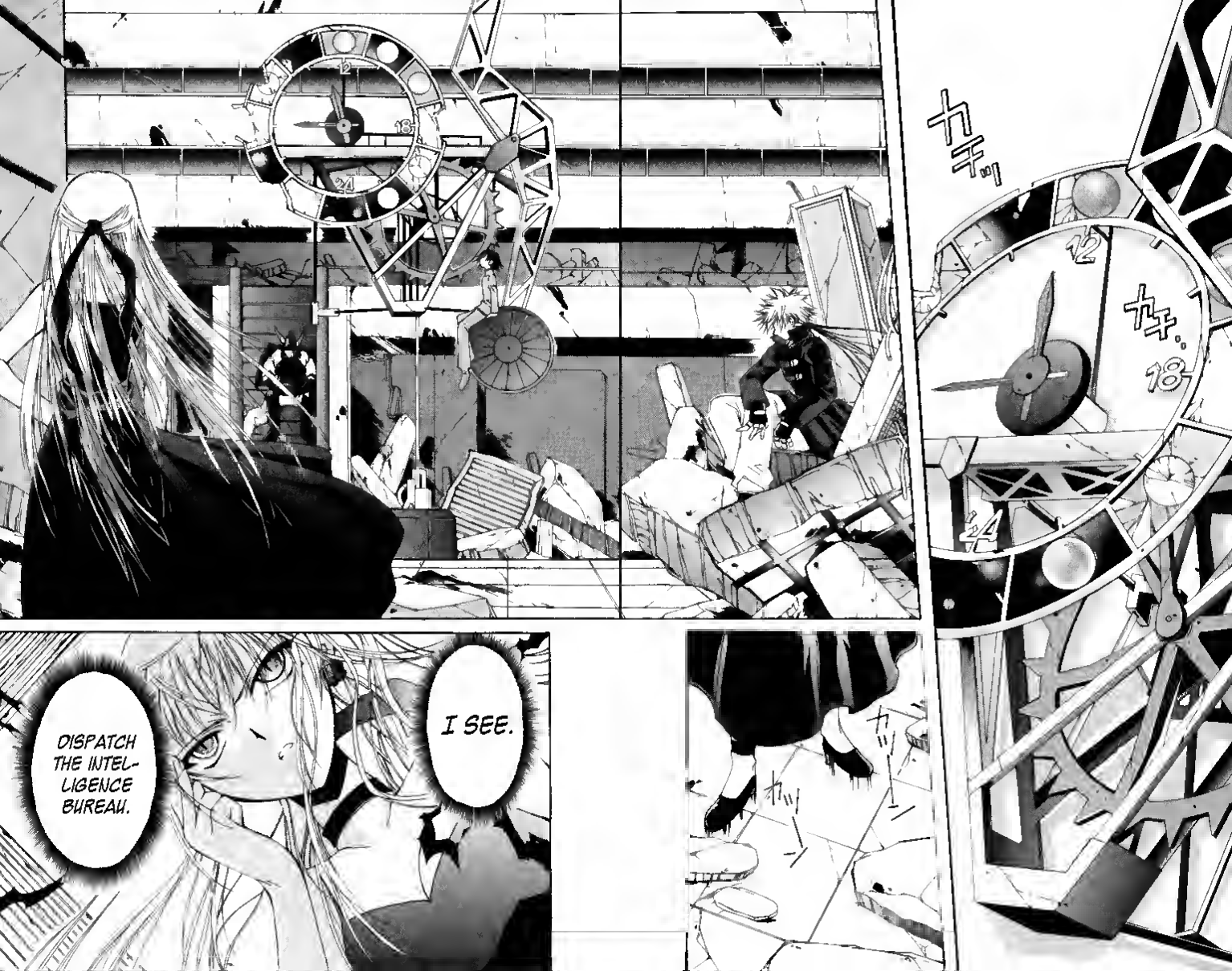
AS TERRIFYING AS HIM.
YET FOR ME TO BE AFRAID OF THAT MAN IS UNTHINK-ABLE...!
GRAND-FATHER
DO NOT WORRY

THE BLACK SWAN WHICH HAS POSSESSED ME CAN CERTAINLY KILL THE VAMPIRE KING.
YOU SHOULD HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.
--ROSERED STRAUSS
AKABAR, THE VAMPIRE KING
..HMM
I, TOO, AM MAKING DESPERATE EFFORTS.
FROM NOW ON, A SINGLE ERROR WILL CHANGE OUR FATE

NOT ONLY ON THE TAIL OF THE TIGER
BUT I MAY ALSO BE ABOUT TO TREAD ON THE TAIL OF THE THREE-HEADED DRAGON, AS WELL.
--IS THE SITUATION GOOD?
IS IT BAD?
--IT'S BAD.
IN FACT, IT'S ALMOST THE WORST POSSIBLE SITUATION.
IT'S ALL MOVING TOO FAST.
AT THIS RATE, EVERYTHING MAY FALL TO RUINS.
--IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I'LL HAVE TO PLACE MY BETS ON BRIDGET.
I HOPE SHE'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP HIS EXCELLENCY IN CHECK, TO MY ADVANTAGE...


I SEE.
DISPATCH THE INTEL-LIGENCE BUREAU.

CHASE THEM AND ISSUE THE ORDER.
YES, RIGHT UP TO THE CONTROL OF ENEMY INFRA-STRUC-TURE.
NOT ONLY THAT. THERE'S EVEN A STEADY DEVELOPMENT OF AN EN-CIRCLEMENT BY SPY SATELLITES AND ANTI-SATELLITE WEAPONRY.
AN ARMY OF UNKNOWN NATIONALITY IS ASSEMB-LING IN THE COMMUNITY NEIGHBOR-HOOD.
THIS MEANS THAT INTER-CONTINENTAL BALLISTIC MISSILES ARE BEING PREPARED, AS WELL
.....

HIS EXCELLENCY, GM, EH?
THIS HAS BECOME QUITE A NUISANCE.
...THE PERSON, HIMSELF, ISN'T A PROBLEM.
INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF THE AGE HAVE, TIME AND TIME AGAIN, TRIED TO TOUCH IN THE PAST.
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THEN WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
WE MAY HAVE WITHDRAWN FOR TODAY BUT, SOON ENOUGH, WE'LL MAKE THEM REALIZE THEIR FOOLISHNESS OF TOYING WITH US.

THE FACT THAT AKABARA IS UNITED WITH THEM.
IF THAT ISN'T A NUISANCE, WHAT IS?
NO MATTER IF HE HAS THE BLACK SWAN WITH HIM, EVEN THE LIKES OF HIS EXCELLENCY, GM, CAN'T CONTROL AKABARA TO THE VERY END.
RATHER, IT'S AKABARA WHO'S USING HIS EXCELLENCY'S ORGANIZATIONAL POWERS AT FREE WILL.
SURE, I DIDN'T THINK AKABARA'S A PERSON WHO WOULD OBEY THE CURRENT PERSON IN POWER, BUT?
YOU GUYS WOULDN'T KNOW...

BUT... HIS REIGN WAS 10 YEARS, AT MOST.
AND IN THE END THAT TRASHY KING DESTROYED IT FOR THE SAKE OF A WOMAN
EVEN IN THE COMMUNITY, THERE ARE NO LONGER THOSE WHO KNEW OF AKABARA'S REIGN A THOUSAND YEARS AGO.
EVEN RENKA AND FUUHAKU ARE ONLY ABOUT 600 YEARS OLD
AND ETHEL'S BARELY 300.
IF ONLY ADELHEIT NEVER EXISTED, HIS KINGDOM WOULD BE FLOURISHING TILL THIS DAY.

OF WHEN I COULD BE BY STRAUSS' SIDE, AS WELL...
--AND THE TIMES
WE MUST SEVER THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIS EXCELLENCY AND AKABARA
WHAT DO WE DO, NOW?
OKAY
HOWEVER, HIS EXCELLENCY'S GOAL TROUBLES ME.
I GUESS WE MUST INVESTIGATE THAT, AS WELL.
AT THE SAME TIME, THE BLACK SWAN WILL BECOME EASIER TO MANIPULATE.
IF I APPEASE HIS EXCELLENCY, HE WON'T BE USED EASILY BY AKABARA.

DAMMIT. IF ONLY HE DIDN'T SHOW UP, WE WOULD HAVE DEFEATED AKABARA TONIGHT...
DON'T BE TOO SURE ABOUT THAT.
IF HE HADN'T SHOWN UP, WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE ONES IN DAN-GER.
PER-HAPS ...
THE FORMATION WAS READ BY AKA-BARA.
IF, AT THE MOMENT FUUHAKU AND I FLEW
RENKA BECOMES IMPATIENT AND RUSHES AT AKABARA, WHAT WOULD HAVE HAP-PENED?
--HEY... I WOULDN'T HAVE...
ALTHOUGH THE ASSAULT WOULD BE DISRUPTED FOR ONLY ONE, BRIEF, MOMENT, IT'D RAISE HESITA-TION.

THEN AKABARA WOULD SNATCH THE SWORD EASILY FROM YOU, WITH YOUR DISTURBED HEART
AND COULD SWIFTLY ELIMINATE YOU.

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IT WOULD DULL FUU-HAKU'S, ETHEL'S, AND EVEN MY SENSE OF JUDG-MENT
DELAYING OUR NEXT LINE OF ACTION.

WITH THE SPIRIT SWORD IN POSSESSION, AKABARA, ALONE, WOULD BE ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF BOTH FUU-HAKU AND I.
AT THAT INSTANT, THE BLACK SWAN WOULD DEFEAT ETHEL AND RETURN FOR FUUHAKU AND I.

FUUHAKU WOULD MOVE, BUT THE DAMAGE HE TOOK BEFORE WAS SUBSTANTIAL SO HE'D BE AT HALF HIS STRENGTH

THE FINAL PROSPECT OF VICTORY BELONGED LARGELY TO AKABARA

BUT WHAT WOULD MAKE RENKA RUSH FORWARD LIKE THAT?
THE BLACK SWAN.
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD JUST STAND BACK AND WATCH, CALMLY?
IF AKABARA WERE TO EVEN PUT A SCRATCH ON THE FACE OF THAT GIRL WHO'S A DEAD RINGER OF HER PREDECESSOR

...IT WAS MY MISS.
MY READING WAS SUPER-FICIAL.
AKABARA WOULD HAVE THOUGHT UP OF SUCH A GAMBIT IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
YOU SEEM TO UNDER-STAND AKABARA TERRIBLY WELL.

I'VE BEEN BATTLING AGAINST AKABARA FOR 400 YEARS LONGER THAN YOU.
THUS, I UNDERSTAND HIM.
IS THAT REALLY ALL?

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WHY DON'T WE TRY ASKING THE MOON.

SOON, WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT A TROUBLE-SOME BATTLE NEVER SEEN BEFORE IN HISTORY.
THOSE WOUNDED, HEAL UP
...TAKE A BREAK.

...IF BRIDGET WEREN'T HERE
THOSE OF VAMPIRE DESCENT WOULD HAVE SCATTERED AND PERISHED A THOUSAND YEARS AGO
AND IT'D ALSO BE DIFFICULT TO PRESERVE THE COMMUNITY IN THIS PRESENT HUMAN WORLD.
BRIDGET IS AN EXTRA-ORDINARY LEADER
EVEN IN TIMES OF WAR, SHE'S THE FOREMOST TACTICIAN.
EVERYONE APPROVES OF HER
.....
NOT TO MENTION, HER MAGIC AND SPIRITUAL ENERGY ARE ALSO STRONG
EVEN AT THE SWORD, SHE'S THE NEXT BEST AFTER RENKA, ISN'T SHE?
HER HYPNOSIS BARRIERS ARE PLACED OVER SECURITY NETWORKS AROUND THE WORLD.

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EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS A DHAMPIR AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 500, SHE ONCE FILLED THE ROLE OF GENERAL OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NIGHT
AND BORE THE TASK OF AKABARA'S RIGHT-HAND MAN, THE STORY GOES

THAT'S NOT ALL
IT IS ALSO SAID THAT BRIDGET WAS RAISED BY AKABARA AS IF SHE WAS HIS OWN DAUGHTER
AND HAD HER TALENT NURTURED INTO FULL BLOOM.
THERE ARE ALSO RUMORS THAT SHE USED TO BE AKABARA'S LOVER.
RUMORS AT THEIR BEST.

IF NOT, WHY WOULD SHE FIGHT FOR 1000 YEARS ON END...
KUH
AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, WANTS HIM DEAD
WHATEVER HER PAST WAS, BRIDGET DESPISES AKABARA
FUCK IT..!!

Vampire Jagi Kai (Z) End
Tsuzuku Jinsei o...
WHY DO I—
STILL TREASURE THE THING YOU THREW AWAY A THOUSAND YEARS AGO?
IT'S NIGHT, IT'S NIGHT
THE KINGDOM OF THE NIGHT.
OF MAGIC AND ABUNDANCE, THE KINGDOM OF THE NIGHT.
PROTECT YOUR KINGDOM --
WHAT A FARCE.

THE SHOCKING SENTENCE FROM BRIDGET'S MOUTH--!!
THE VAMPIRE KING, DHAMPIRS, AND HUMANS' INTENTIONS MERGE
AS THE BLOODY BATTLE TAKES ON A NEW APPEARANCE...
STRAUSS NEVER LOVED ADELHEIT ONE BIT!
HIS BELOVED ADELHEIT? HAH! THAT'S A GOOD ONE.
'THE MOONLIGHT OF CORROSION', ADELHEIT, OF WHOM STRAUSS SEARCHS FOR--
I'LL FUCKING WASTE THEM BOTH.
THAT BASTARD AND HIS PRECIOUS ADELHEIT.
THE TRUE MOTIVE IS...!?
WHEN WILL 'THE STAR FALL'?
THAT ASIDE
GRANDFATHER
GIVEN FIVE YEARS, I BET WE COULD RAISE THE FLAG OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NIGHT THROUGHOUT THE LANDS.
IF IT'S YOU AND I, STRAUSS

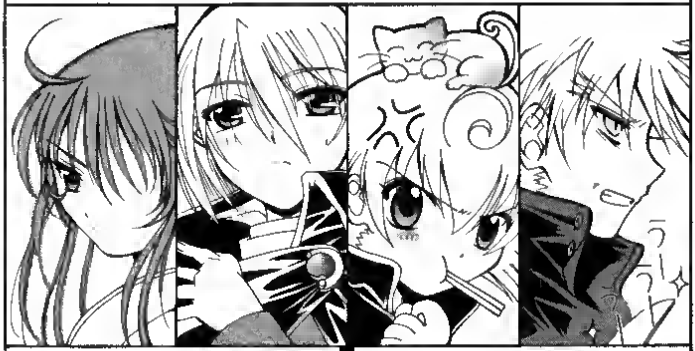
THE RECORD OF FALLEN VAMPIRE CONTINUES IN THE SHOCKING VOLUME 3!!

Vampire Juuji Kai Volume 2 Ends!! As the story builds up, the characters' sentiments come into view. While this is interesting, at the same time there's also the the distress of 'Now, how on earth should I have them move.' Here are few words to each of them 'about that Strauss'. You take a lot of effort to draw. Portraying your beauty is tough. Kayuki. Looks like you've lost your life Lety. I'll make you bursting with energy Renka. Let's think a bit before diving into the fight. I have a model for that. Bridget. You seem like a person who has seen the world. Her hair is a pain (Hell yeah -ez) Ethel. Your personality is similar to mine. Fuuhaku. I want to draw you as a reliable person. Why are you an armored warrior? Yuki. You're a valuable person. Uuh.. GM = ?

I hope we'll get to meet again in the next volume.

With that, See ya'

Kimura Yuri



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And all the readers

I WROTE A LONG INTRODUCTION BEFORE BUT, IT'S ME, SHIRODAIRA KYOU. WE'RE IN VOLUME 7.

IN THIS VOLUME, THE TALE TAKES A TURNING POINT AS NUMEROUS MYSTERIES AND THEIR CLUES PRESENT THEMSELVES. SOME EXAMPLES ARE KAYUKI AND HIS EXCELLENCY'S OBJECTIVE, STRAUSS' PAST, AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BRIDGET AND STRAUSS. THESE MYSTERIES AND THEIR CLUES LINK THE CHARACTERS' PAST TO THEIR FUTURE, THUS GREATLY ADVANCING THE STORY.

HOWEVER, EVEN THOUGH I'M THE AUTHOR, THE STORY FLOW IS NOT SOMETHING I CAN CONTROL EASILY. SO IT'S OFTEN THAT I'M THE ONE AT THE MERCY OF THE CHARACTERS AND THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF THIS STORY.

WILL THE MYSTERIES BE SOLVED AS EXPECTED? WILL THE STORY ADVANCE GREATLY AS HOPED? WILL THE MYSTERY BE NEGLECTED AND ESCAPED FROM? WON'T THE PIECES OF THE STORY JUST COME TOGETHER IN A SIMPLE WAY?

WITH ALL THESE ANXIETIES IN MIND, 'VAMPIRE JUUJI KAI' CONTINUES IN THE NEXT VOLUME. I ASPIRE TO MAKE THIS AS CLOSE TO A TRUE RECORD OF EVENTS AS POSSIBLE.

ANYHOW, I PRAY WE'LL GET TO MEET AGAIN IN VOLUME 3.

Author's Afterwords

WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORDS 'VAMPIRE-THEMED WORKS', WHAT KIND OF PRODUCTION FIRST COMES TO MIND?

SINCE THIS WORK IS A MANGA, FROM THAT FRAME OF REFERENCE, THE READING AUDIENCE WILL PROBABLY FIRST VISUALIZE A MANGA, ANIME OR GAME, FOR INSTANCE.

THEN HOW ABOUT A MOVIE? WHAT IF YOU RESTRICT IT TO LIVE-FILMING?

BEFORE I UNDERTOOK THIS TASK, I, TOO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFERENCE MATERIAL, TRIED TO THINK OF THE TIMES WHEN I WATCHED THEM BACK WHEN IT WASN'T OF MY INTEREST.

FROM THE START I WASN'T MUCH OF A MOVIE FAN, BUT THE FIRST AND FOREMOST MOVIE I REMEMBERED WAS 'KYUUKETSUKI GOKEMIDORO' (GOKE, BODYSNATCHER FROM HELL). WHEN THIS MOVIE WAS FIRST RELEASED AS A DVD, IT WAS BOUGHT UP WITH GLEE. I'VE EVEN CHANGED MY VIEWS AFRESH AFTER WATCHING IT AGAIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRST VIEW.

EVEN THOUGH I HAVE MY DOUBTS OVER SOME PARTS IN THE MOVIE, IT'S STORYLINE IS VERY WELL DONE. YOU COULD CALL IT A MASTERPIECE (ALTHOUGH I DOUBT IT'LL BE SHOWN DURING 'GOLDEN TIME' ON TV.)

WITH ALL THAT, IT'S LIKELY THAT 'VAMPIRE JUUJI KAI' WILL BE UNCONSCIOUSLY CRAFTED WITH SOME INFLUENCE FROM THE MOVIE. THIS IS BECAUSE SOMETHING YOU LIKE WILL, SOMEHOW OR THE OTHER, BECOME PART OF YOU.

IF YOU HAVE THE TIME, PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PRODUCTION. IT'S REALLY GOOD.

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Vampire Juuji Kai Volume 2 Ends!! This volume sure was a tough one but we're finally at the end. I decided to make this note space since there's quite a bit to explain. First things first. I apologize for all the translation and spelling / grammar errors made earlier in the series. I hope you have thoroughly enjoyed it all the same. This volume had a lot of 2-page-joins, some of which couldn't be joined (especially that cool page with Strauss' wings. which is a pity). On the translation side, it's been very tough. This manga uses a lot of vague and complex Japanese which, I hope, still carry the same meaning in English. There were also parts with dual meanings in Japanese which were difficult to put into English. As for the story and manga, itself, I love it. The action, art and storyline in the chapters ahead will make you go 'WOW', so please have patience >_> Hope you've enjoyed it as much as I have!

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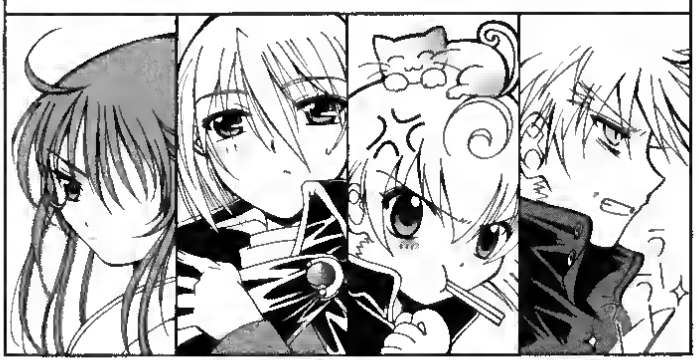

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While I was drawing the manuscript for Volume 2, I experienced various things. Unrecoverable regret and enormous delight. With these sentiments as the basis I feel that, step-by-step, I can reach perfection.

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